

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 30

By Dean

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the East Ridge High School marching band on the fiftieth anniversary of the band's first graduating class.

WHEREAS, the art of creating music has long been an important part of humanity, serving as a voice for those traits that make us truly human, preserving our history, and forging bridges between diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to give recognition to the alumni of the East Ridge High School marching band, as these exceptional individuals celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the band's first graduating class; and

WHEREAS, inspired by a common spirit of camaraderie, enthusiasm and devotion, the members of the East Ridge High School band from the 1960s forth have exhibited true talent and ability as they have performed together for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, at the foundation of this exceptional band, Chet Hedgecoth brilliantly served as band director during the 1960s, and Bill Snyder motivated his peers as East Ridge's quintessential first band captain; Stan Snyder, East Ridge High School band reunion organizer, served as the eighth band captain and ventured forth from his experience at East Ridge to work as a local school band director for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the experience gained from participating in the East Ridge marching band has made a lasting impact on each member; it has also given birth to one student's luminous career as a professional jazz musician, and many others who went on to enjoy consummate careers as band directors; and

WHEREAS, the East Ridge marching band alumni are planning to celebrate this historic occasion at East Ridge High School, March 19, 2011, and the attendees will include current and

former members of the East Ridge High School concert, marching or stage bands, majorettes, drum majors, color guard, drill team, flag corps and rifle corps; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this memorable event, a seminal group of alumni and students will be donating a beautiful display case to the East Ridge History Center, so that the band's past, present, and future achievements can be enjoyed and recognized by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, as a result of fifty solid years of continued dedication to the highest standards of musical and marching performance, the East Ridge High School marching band serves as the golden standard among its peers in the State of Tennessee, and each one of its alumni should be recognized for their commitment and hard work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the first graduating band class from East Ridge High School and offer our fondest wishes to the alumni of East Ridge High School marching band for their continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.